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Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is soliciting applications for Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand. The objective of the project is to provide resources to grassroots community-based organizations to improve outreach and services to crime victims, such as support for program development, networking, coalition building, service delivery, develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Application Deadline: open

Eligibility Requirements: Established organizations and coalitions that do not receive federal VOCA victim assistance grant funding and operate with \$50,000 or less in annual funding. Eligible organizations and coalitions must be operating for at least 1 year.

Maximum Award Amount: one-time grant for up to \$5,000. It is an open solicitation and is contingent upon the availability of funds. The grant funds must be expended within a 12-month period.

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration<http://www.samhsa.gov/index.aspx>**Networking and Certifying Suicide Prevention Hotlines Grant**<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-11940.htm>

SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services, announces the availability of FY 2004 grant funds for Networking and Certifying Suicide Prevention Hotlines. This grant will provide funding to manage a toll-free national suicide prevention hotline network utilizing a life affirming number which routes calls from anywhere in the United States to a network of local crisis centers that can link callers to local emergency, mental health and social service resources. Grant funds must also be used to increase the number of crisis centers certified in suicide prevention.

Application Deadline: July 21, 2004

Eligibility Requirements: state, local or tribal governments; public or private universities and colleges; community- and faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations may apply. The statutory authority for this program precludes grants to for-profit organizations.

Maximum Award Amount: \$2.2 million in total costs per year for three years

Number of Awards Made: 1

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services<http://www.os.dhhs.gov/>**Domestic Violence/Runaway and Homeless Youth Collaboration on the Prevention of Adolescent Dating Violence**<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-12348.htm>

HHS Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA) is soliciting applications for Domestic Violence/Runaway and Homeless Youth Collaboration on the Prevention of Adolescent Dating Violence. The purpose of the program is to develop and implement effective strategies for the identification, requirement, and use of domestic violence adolescent dating violence prevention services concurrently with the services provided through Basic Center, Transitional Living and Street Outreach projects. These efforts would focus on the youth who are identified within the Domestic Violence and the Runaway and Homeless Youth communities as individuals that may be responsive to a collaborative set of services or interventions. The announcement offers the applicant organization, through a letter of agreement, the opportunity to design, develop, and collaborate in a service intersection area that has languished from the lack of concentrated attention.

Application Deadline: July 16, 2004

Eligibility Requirements: local public agencies and non-profit community-based organizations; faith-based and charitable organizations who are recipients, or have been recipients, of grant awards for Basic Center, Transitional Living and Street Outreach Family and Youth Services Bureau-funded projects; and non-profit domestic violence advocacy organizations and domestic violence State Coalitions who are or have been recipients of Family Violence Prevention and Services grant awards.

Maximum Award Amount: \$75,000

Number of Awards Made: 6

Grant Period: 17 months

Development of Services to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Their Children

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-12349.htm>

HHS Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Bureau of Runaway and Homeless Youth announced the availability and request for applications for its FY 2004 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) discretionary grants for Development of Services to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and their Children. The announcement is seeking proposals with the following objectives: (1) to provide technical assistance to FVPSA grant administrators on issues that inhibit the development of programs and services to immigrant victims of family violence and their children; (2) to develop collaborative responses and to provide cross-training to enhance responses to immigrant victims of family violence and their families; and (3) to develop policies and protocols that increase the scope, operation and linkages between domestic violence service providers and organizations serving immigrant communities. Submitted proposals must assure that their activities promote cultural competency that meets the cultural and socioeconomic context of immigrant victims and their children.

Application Deadline: July 16, 2004

Eligibility Requirements: State agencies administering FVPSA shelter services grants, state Domestic Violence Coalitions, domestic violence immigrant organizations, public non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and domestic violence advocacy organizations are eligible to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: \$50,000

Number of Awards Made: 3

Grant Period: 12 months

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Announcement

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pdf/coverdell.pdf>

NIJ announced that funding is available to states, territories, and units of local government through the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program. The grants are intended to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services, including services provided by laboratories operated by states and those operated by units of local government. Both states and units of local government may apply directly to NIJ for funding.

Application Deadline: July 6, 2004

Eligibility Requirements: Both States and units of local government may apply directly to NIJ for funding. All applicants for Coverdell grants—whether States or units of local government must have developed a program for improving the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiner services and must specifically describe how grant funds will be used to carry out all or a substantial part of that program. States are expected to consider the needs of laboratories operated by units of local government as well as those operated by the State. 75% of the funds will be allocated among eligible states based principally on population. 25% will be allocated among states and units of local government through a competitive process.

Maximum Award Amount: A total of \$9.5 million is available for awards in FY 2004. The estimated funds available to Massachusetts is \$146,482

Grant Period: 12 months

NIJ Solicitation for Crime and Justice Research

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000663.pdf>

NIJ is seeking proposals for crime and justice research on topics relevant to state and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. Through this solicitation, requests proposals for social and behavioral research and evaluation addressing community crime prevention, policing, juvenile and criminal justice systems improvement, corrections, alcohol and drug-related crime, criminal behavior, and other topics (presented below) that have the potential to advance practice and policy in criminal and juvenile justice operations nationally.

The Institute's specific research and evaluation interests are continually evolving in response to the needs of the field. Themes and topic areas presented in the solicitation represent directions that NIJ intends to pursue during the next few years. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate how the proposed research advances basic knowledge, practice, and/or policy in one of these designated areas or will make a compelling case for proposed research in other areas of crime and justice.

Application Deadline: September 28, 2004.

Eligibility Requirements: Those eligible to apply for funding under this grant competition include faith and community-based organizations, tribal governments or consortia, and state and local governments where substantial numbers of children of prisoners live as compared to the national average. Applicants must apply to establish new programs or to expand existing programs utilizing a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring services for children of prisoners. Collaboration among eligible entities is strongly encouraged. All eligible organizations, including faith-based organizations, are eligible to compete on equal footing for Federal

financial assistance used to support social services programs. No organizations can be discriminated against on the basis of religion in the administration or distribution of Federal financial assistance under social service programs. Faith-based organizations are eligible to compete for Federal financial assistance while retaining their identity, mission, religious references, and governance. However, faith-based organizations that receive funding may not use Federal financial assistance, including funds, to meet any cost-sharing requirements or to support inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or prayer.

Maximum Award Amount: From less than \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Number of Awards Made: The number of awards will depend on the funds available and the number of high-quality applications.

Data Resources Program 2004 - Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000635.pdf>

With this solicitation, NIJ requests proposals to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). NIJ has identified the following as areas of interest: crime control and prevention, including policing; drugs and crime; justice systems and offender behavior, including corrections; violence and victimization; communications and information technologies; critical incident response; investigative and forensic sciences, including DNA; less-than-lethal technologies; officer protection; education and training technologies; testing and standards; technology assistance to law enforcement and corrections agencies; field testing of promising programs; and international crime control.

Submission Deadline: October 23, 2004

Eligibility Requirements: faith based and community organizations are encouraged to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: up to \$35,000

Number of Awards Made: not specified

Grant Period: not specified

U.S. Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>

Mentoring Programs

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-12209.htm>

The U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools invites applications for the Mentoring Programs. This program provides assistance to promote mentoring programs for children with greatest need that: (1) assist these children in receiving support and guidance from a mentor; (2) improve the academic performance of the children; (3) improve interpersonal relationships between the children and their peers, teachers, other adults, and family members; (4) reduce the dropout rate of the children; and (5) reduce juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs by the children.

Application Deadline: July 7, 2004

Eligibility Requirements: (1) local educational agencies (LEAs); (2) nonprofit, community-based organizations (CBOs), which may include faith-based organizations; and (3) a partnership between an LEA and a CBO.

Maximum Award Amount: range of \$100,000-\$200,000

Number of Awards Made: 195

Grant Period: 36 months

Private Foundations

Verizon Wireless \$1,000 Grant Program to Help Victims of Domestic Violence in New England

Verizon Wireless New England is launching a \$1,000 Grant Program to make funds available to not-for-profit organizations that work with victims of domestic violence. The funds donated are the direct result of consumers donating their no- longer-used cell phones to HopeLine, Verizon Wireless' national initiative that encourages consumers to recycle wireless products. Phones are refurbished and donated with airtime to domestic violence shelters, agencies and law enforcement groups to be used by women in emergency situations.

Eligibility Requirements: Any not-for-profit organization in Massachusetts that works in some capacity with victims of domestic violence may apply for a **\$1,000 grant once per quarter and as often as three times per year**. Grants will be awarded to support direct client services, raise public awareness about domestic violence or train staff and volunteers. To receive grant guidelines and an application, organizations must e-mail a request to Hopeline.NewEngland@VerizonWireless.com or call 781-932-1510 to have an application mailed to them.